## From The Gift for 1842. ELEONORA.

BY EDGAR A. POE.

whether much that is glorious—whether all that is profound—do not spring from disease of thought. intellect. They who dream by day are ognizant of many things which escape the dreamof the 'light ineffable,' and, again, like the adven- afterward, tranquilly dying, that because of they would adventure a discovery."

least, that there are two distinct conditions of my mental existence—the condition of a lucid reason. consistion of shadow and doubt, appertaining to perfume from the censers of the angels, the present, and to the recollection of what constitutes words upon her lips she yielded up fore, what I shall tell of the earlier period, believe : only such credit as may seem due; or doubt it alto- beloved, and proceed into the second era of my e

long departed. Eleonora was the name of my Coltropical sun, in the 'Valley of Many Colored stems of the trees and appeared no more est recesses. No path was trodden in its vicinity:
and to reach our happy home there was need of
putting back with force the foliage of many thousadly from the vale into the bills, with all the gay.

out a narrow and deep river, brighter than all save Eleonora's eyes; and, winding stealthily in mazy owy gorge among hills still dimmer than those from Silence;' for there seemed to be a hushing influand so genily it wandered along that the pearly within its bosom, stirred not at all, but lay in a motionless content, each in its old station, shining glo-

riously and for ever.

And the margin of the river, and of the many dazzling rivalets that glided through devious ways intil they reached the bed of pebbles at the botof the valley, from the river to the mountains that grass, thick, short, perfectly even, and vanilla-perumed, but so besprinkled throughout with the yellow buttercup, the white daisy, the purple violet, and the ruby-red asphodel, that its exceeding beauty spoke to our hearts in loud tones of the love and of the glory of God.

like wildernesses of dreams, sprang up fantestic trees, whose tall slender stems stood not upright, summits in long tremulous lines, dallying with the

eath the serpent-like trees, and looked down beneath the serpent-like trees, and looked down most abject worship of love.

What, indeed, was the passion I had once felt for the young girl of the Valley, in comparison with of that sweet day; and our words upon the morrow were tremulous and few.

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We had drawn the god Eros from that wave; and now we felt that he had enkindled within us the fiery souls of our fathers. The passions which had for centuries distinguished our race came thronging with the fancies for which they had been equally nated, and together breathed a delirious bliss over the Valley of the Many-Colored Grass. A change fell upon all things. Strange brilliant flowers, starshaped, burst out upon the trees, where no flowers had been known before. The tints of the green carpet deepened, and when, one by one, the white daisies shrank away, there sprang up in place them ten by ten of the ruby-red asphodel. And life arose in our paths; for the tall flamingo, hitherto unseen, with all gay, glowing birds, flaunted his scarlet plumage before us; and golden and silver ated the river, and out of the besom of which issued, little by little, a murmur that swelled at length into a fulling melody more divine than that of the Harp of Æolus, sweeter than all save the voice of Eleonora. And now, too, a vast and volu-minous cloud, which we had long watched in the regions of Hesper, floated out thence all gorgeous in crimson and gold, and settling in peace above us, sank day by day lower and lower, until its edges rested upon the tops of the mountains, turning all their dimness into magnificence, and shutting us up, as if for ever, within a magic prison-house of gran-

grandour and of glory.

The loveliness of Eleonora was that of the sera phim-and here, as in all things referring to this epoch, my memory is vividly distinct. In stature she was tall, and slender even to fragility; the ex-ceeding delicacy of her frame, as well as of the bues of her cheek, speaking painfully of the feeble tenure by which she held existence. The hiles of the valley were not more tair. With the nose, lips, and chin of the Greek Venus, she had the majestic forehead, the naturally-waving auburn bair, and the large luminous eyes of her kindred. Her lessor of Punmanship, begs to acquaint the dull beauty, nevertholess, was of that nature which leads and witless that he has established a class for the beauty, nevertheless, was of that nature which leads the heart to wonder not less than to love. The grace of her motion was surely ethereal. Her fantastic step left no impress upon the asphodel—and I could not but dream as I gazed, enrapt, upon her alternate moods of melancholy and of mirth, that the property of the afternate indoors or inclanding and of mittin, date the begs to student two separate souls were enshrined within her. So radical were her changes of countenance, that at one instant I fanc'ed her possessed by some spirit of smiles, at another by some demen of tears.

"The following is a specimen of my punning before taking six lessons of Mr. T. Hood: Q. Why is a fresh plucked carnation like a certain co d with Office No. 111 William, corner of Johnstein.

brief life she had led among the flowers. No guile new pink off, (an whooping cough.) disguised the fervor of love which animated her "This is a specimen of my punning after taking heart—and she examined with me its immost recesses, as we walked tegether in the Valley of the

her bosom—that, like the ephemera, she had been bargain made perfect in loveliness only to diet but the ter-

I AM of a race noted for vigor of fancy and ardor the feet of Eleonora, and offered up a vow to her-I AM of a race note to 1 Ngot of many and arder the feet of Electrora, and offered up a vew to herf passion. Pyrros is my name. Men have called self and to Heaven that I would never bind myself
ne mad; but the question is not yet settled whe- in marriage to any daughter of earth—that I

She whom I loved in youth and of whom I now cord. But let mo on. Years dragged themselves a calmly and distinctly these remembrances, was along heavily, and still, with the aged mother of sole daughter of the only sister of my mother. Eleonora, I dwelt within the Valley of the Many-No unguided footstep ever came upon | tints of the green carpet faded, and only one by one f forest trees, and of crushing to death the glowing birds that had arrived in his company. t was that we lived all alone, knowing nothing of the gorge at the lower end of our domain, and be the dimness of old, fell back into the regions of Hesper, and took away all its manifold golden and

floated ever and ever about the valley; and at lone into its channel, and the spaces that extended from the brinks away down into the depths of the streams, air; and once—oh, but once only—I was awakened

to be filled. I longed—I madly pined for the love which had before filled it to overflowing. At length the valley pained me through its memories of Eleo-nora, and I left it for ever for the vanities and tur-

where all things might have served to blot from re-collection the sweet dreams I had dreamt in the trees, whose tall slender stems stood not upright. Valley of the Many-Coloned Grass. The pomps but slanted gracefully toward the light that peered and pageantries of a stately court, and the mad at noonday into the centre of the valley. Their clanger of arms, and the radiant leveliness of wobark was speckled with the vivid alternate splen-dors of ebony and silver, and was smoother than all yet my soul had proved true to her yows, and the save the cheeks of Eleonora—so that but for the brillindications of the presence of Eleonora were still liant green of the huge leaves that spread from their given me in the silent hours of the night. Suddenly zephyrs, one might have fancied them giant ser- dark before my eyes, and I stood aghast at the pents of Syria, doing homage to their sovereign, burning thoughts which possessed, at the terrible Hand in hand about this valley, for fifteen years some far distant and unknown land, into the gay roamed I with Eleaonora, before love entered within our hearts. It was one evening at the close of the third lustrum of her life, and of the fourth of heart yielded at once—at whose footstool I bowed my own, that we sat, locked in each other's embrace. down, without a struggle, in the most ardent, in the

burning thoughts which possessed, at the terrible temptatiens which beset me—for there came, from some far distant and unknown land, into the gay court of the king I served, a fair-haired and slender maiden, to whose beauty my whole recreant heart yielded at once—at whose footstool I bawed down, without a struggle, in the most ardent, in the most abject worship of love.

What, indeed, was the passion I had once felt for the young girl of the Valley, in comparison with the madness, and the glow, and the ferver, and the spirit-stirring ecstusy of adoration with which I poured out my soul in tears at the feet of the lady Ermengarde! I looked down into the blue depths of her meaning eyes, and I thought sally of them and in that knewledge I had room for none other. Oh, clorious was the wavy flow of her auburn tressest and I clasped them in a transport of jey to my bosom. And I found rapture in the fantastic grace of her step—and there was a wild delirium in the love I bore her when I started to see upon her countenance the radical transition from tears to smiles that I had wondered at in the iong-lost Elementary of the adorest of the curse I had so blindly invoked, and I wedded the lady Ermengarde.

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and its bitterness was not visited upon me. And in the silence of the night there came once again through my lactice the soft sighs which had forsaken me, and they modeled themselves into a sweet voice saving-"Sleep in peace; for the spirit of Love reigneth and ruleth; and in taking to the passionheart her who is Ermengarde, thou art absolved. or reasons which shall be made known to thee in Heaven, of thy vows unto Eleonora."

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